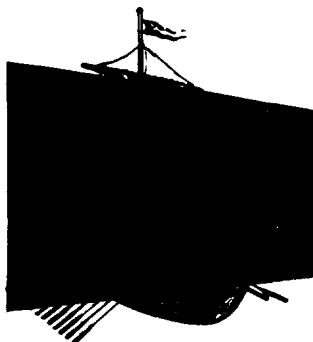


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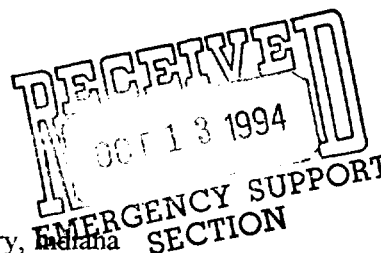
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Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois Site, Gary, Indiana

Dear Linda,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your "General Notice of Potential Liability" dated 9/28/94 and received by Nelsen on 10/5/94. I will begin an investigation this week to determine whether Nelsen Steel qualifies as a PRP and, if so, will address Nelsen's willingness or obligation to perform or finance the activities alluded to in your letter. I will respond to you promptly after concluding this investigation.

Please address all future correspondence as follows:

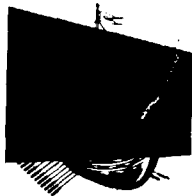
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9400 W. Belmont Avenue
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Attn: Chief Financial Officer

Please contact me at the phone number listed on the letterhead if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Lamb
Chief Financial Officer

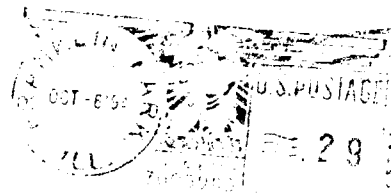
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